

CATCHER IS LEADING FACTOR IN BASEBALL

Just What Constitutes Good Backstop Needs Review of Many Qualities.

STRONG ARMS ESSENTIAL

Man Who Can Get Ball Down to Bases Always in Demand.

What constitutes a good catcher? Is it fielding ability alone, or is it batting? Or is it a combination of the two?

Again, is it the catcher who pilots his team to the largest percentage of victories during a season who is entitled to the crown of premier backstop?

There are so many qualities that enter into the make-up of a really classy catcher that it would indeed be a difficult matter to pick the choicest of them all, unless one delves for a month or two in the dope of the game.

Good fielding is one essential. Good fielding is another combination of the two will assure any backstop a regular berth at a fat salary. Then there is good generalship, which is as important, if not more so, than either of the aforementioned. Again, club-owners and fans alike take to the catcher who has the happy faculty of piloting his team to victory day after day, the one who has a winning percentage that equals or surpasses the fifty mark of the team's best twinner.

However, this is not all. The catcher who has few passed balls is always considered to have a little something on his more unfortunate rival who permits the sphere to leak through his mitts with a frequency that is disheartening.

Good Arms in Demand.

Last, but not least, the catcher with a good throwing arm is always in demand. If opposing teams plier anywhere from four to eight bases on a catcher day after day, that backstop's days in the major leagues are numbered. He will soon learn that he is not wanted. In addition to being a fair batter and good fielder, a good field general, having a fair winning percentage, having few passed balls, the really successful catcher of today must also be able to keep the would-be purloiners of sacks from trespassing on his rights, else he will find another day forging to the front and bidding for his job.

If fielding alone were considered, Billy Sullivan, of Chicago, would have clear sailing, as he had the fifty mark of .565 the last season. Sully caught more games than any other man in the American League.

Spencer, of St. Louis, fielded .932, but caught in only 88 games to 137 for Sullivan. The other catchers fielded as follows: Warner, Washington, .932 (41); Criger, Boston, .928 (84); Schreck, Philadelphia-Chicago, .918 (71); Smith, Philadelphia-St. Louis, .916 (55); Street, Washington, .913 (128); Thomas, Detroit, .912 (29); Clarke, Cleveland, .909 (50); Fowler, Philadelphia, .907 (61); Blue, St. Louis-Philadelphia, .907 (141); Klenow, New York, .905 (59); Bemis, Cleveland, .904 (78); Stephens, St. Louis, .900 (45); Donahue, Boston, .892 (32); Blair, New York, .888 (60); Cartright, Boston, .885 (47); Sweeney, New York, .885 (25); Payne, Detroit, .884 (15); Shaw, Chicago, .883 (29); Weaver, Chicago, .883 (115); while Schmidt, of the pennant-winning Tigers, trailed the bunch with a mark of .961 in 125 games.

If batting alone was considered, Thomas, of Detroit, would be the whipping noise, as he clouted at a .307 clip. Other catchers who were well up in the batting work were Criger, .285; Criger, .255; N. Clarke, .241; Warner, .241; Cartright, .235; Bemis, .224; and Schreck, .220.

Right here it can be seen that the catcher of Detroit made up his deficiency in fielding, as compared to Sullivan and Criger, two of the four leading fielders, by batting more than 70 points better than either of them. Sully's stick mark was 151 and Criger's one point less. Schmidt's 24 points to the lead in batting, however, have looked mighty bad, compared to the two catchers who are generally conceded to be the best in the American League, if this one department was considered alone. However, Schmidt's 24 points to the lead in batting, however, have looked mighty bad, compared to the two catchers who are generally conceded to be the best in the American League, if this one department was considered alone.

Criger's Passed Ball Record. Coming down to passed balls, we find that Criger had more than any other catcher, fourteen, in number. Others who ran into double figures were Clarke, 12; Spencer, 12; Bemis, 10; and Street, 10. Sullivan allowed nine to get by him, while Schmidt again looms up strong, having only five. In this respect Schmidt led all catchers, his average of passed balls per game being less than that of all other backstops, with the possible exception of Warner, who had but one in forty-one games. Schmidt could also be termed the nominal batting leader among the catchers, as Thomas and Blue, who topped him, were in but forty and seventeen games, respectively.

Coming down to the winning percentage of catchers, we find that Kahoe caught four victories and defeat for Washington, and Schreck, of Cleveland, made it three and one, and Blue, of St. Louis, five and two.

Of the catchers who worked in more than one-quarter of the scheduled games, little Stephens, of the Browns, led, with the winning percentage of .634, being behind the bat in twenty-six victories and fifteen defeats. Charley Schmidt, of Detroit, again looms up as the classy article, with 24 marks of .602, catching in seventy-nine games, and winning twenty-nine, and twenty-seven, for Philadelphia, three and three, for 50.

Thus again it will be seen that Schmidt, of Detroit, runs neck and neck with Sullivan and outclasses Criger. True, the claim can be made that Criger was at a disadvantage in being with a losing team, while

SEASON CLOSES; TEAM DISBANDS

William and Mary Basketball Quint Established Reputation Among Top-Notchers.

PLAYED HEAVY OPPONENTS

Scored Total of 378 Points Against 206 Scored by Its Adversaries.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., March 20.—The William and Mary basketball team, after a season filled with brilliant and hard-earned victories, has disbanded, and the interest of the students is now centered around the nucleus of what, it is hoped, will be a winning baseball team.

The basketball team was unusually successful this year, and made a mark for itself in the athletic world. Out of a total of ten games played, many of them with some of the heaviest teams of the State, the team won seven, and scored a total of 378 points against 206 scored against it.

The following is a schedule of the games played, and their results:

William and Mary College, 46, Brambleton, 34; played in Williamsburg, December 12.
William and Mary College, 34, Randolph-Macon College, 24; played in Ashland December 9.
William and Mary College, 19, University of Virginia, 15; played in Charlottesville December 16.
William and Mary College, 26, N. N. Y. M. C. A., 22; played in Newport News January 5.
William and Mary College, 26, Brambleton, 25; played in Norfolk February 6.
William and Mary College, 55, Port Norfolk, 0; played in Williamsburg February 12.
William and Mary College, 32; University of Virginia, 28; played in Richmond February 15.
William and Mary College, 49, Randolph-Macon College, 16; played in Williamsburg February 19.
William and Mary College, 55, N. N. Y. M. C. A., 21; played in Williamsburg February 27.
William and Mary College, 20, Hampton Y. M. C. A., 17; played in Hampton March 5.

Line-up of the team and record of each man:

J. F. Garth (captain), right forward, 21 field goals; J. D. Driner, left forward, 54 field goals, 25 fouls; H. B. Hughes, centre, 40 field goals, 10 fouls; A. Hughes, right guard, 10 field goals; N. W. Schlossberg, left guard, 40 field goals.

RAKES FIRST GAME.

ASHLAND, VA., March 20.—Randolph-Macon College, of Ashland, this afternoon from the Ashland team by a score of 14 to 2. The game was characterized by the most part by loose team work on both sides. The Randolph-Macon men made home runs; their pitchers struck out fourteen men against six for the Ashland team.

The college team has been greatly interrupted in its practice during the past week by the second term examinations, but will be back at regular practice next week. Frederickburg College will play the Yellow Jackets on the home grounds the 24th, and on Saturday, the 27th, Randolph-Macon plays Virginia at Charlottesville.

The line-up of to-day's game was as follows:

Randolph-Macon—Nolley, third base; Gillette, second base; Warren, catcher; Hamilton, left field; Smith, right field; Sessler, centre field; Rowe, first base; Gravelly (Smith), pitcher; Chaplain, right field.
Ashland—Bridges, second base; Jones, centre field; Blakey, first base; Swift, third base; W. B. Middle, right field; W. B. Middle, left field; Bonitz, centre; Leake, pitcher.

Americans in Lead.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
BERLIN, March 20.—McFarland and Moran, the American competitors in the 24-hour bicycle race here, retain their lead, having covered 3,180 kilometers and lapped the French pair. They are regarded as sure winners. The race ends to-morrow.

TOURNAMENT OPEN TO ALL BOWLERS

Local Players Will Take Part in Series of Games on Newport Alleys.

An individual bowling tournament will be held at the Newport Alleys from March 29 to May 10. The tournament will be open to all bowlers, and prizes are offered for the highest individual average in thirty games and individual prizes for each series. Games will be played twice weekly, and will be governed by the rules of the National Bowling Association.

Sutherland made a new city record last week for high average rolling in ten successive games, his total score being 2,270, with an average of 227. The high score was 261.

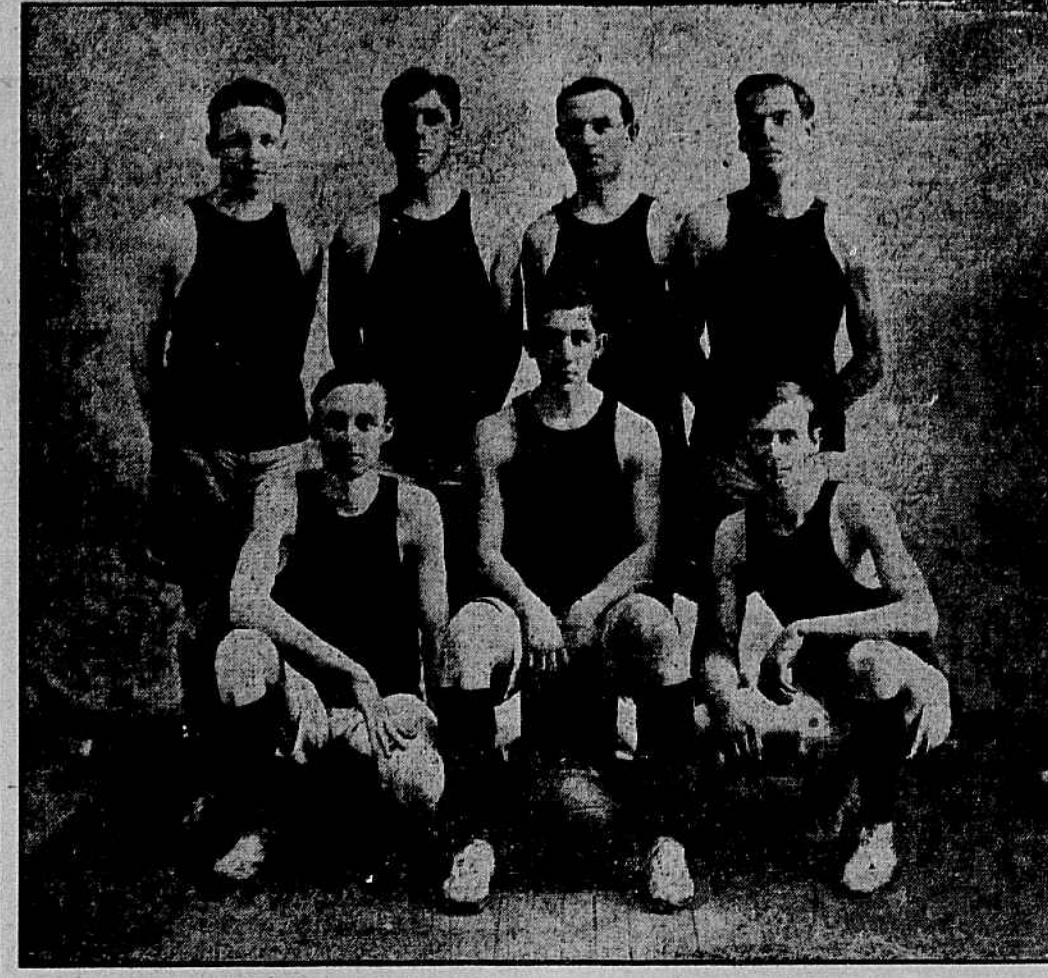
A championship match game will be played at the Newport Alleys Wednesday night between the Newport team and the Crystal team. The players will be: Newport—Whitman (captain), Mentink, Roy, Bailey, Dowling and Bell. Crystal team—Spilling (captain), Williams, Sutherland, Kolbe, Rowsey and Anderson.

Following are the high scores in ten and dupleths at the Newport Alleys last week:

Tenpins—Sutherland, 261; Whitman, 258; Bell, 255; Roy, 251; Henderson, 251; Wagner, 248; Bailey, 244; Spilling, 238; Williams, 238; Gillen, 236; Mentink, 234; Harrison, 230; Haw, 228; Rowsey, 224; Kolbe, 219.

Dupleths—Ries, 138; Williams, 137; Barrow, 136; Boone, 130; Knowles, 130; Newton, 134; Ryland, 130; Haw, 130; Neal, 128; Montague, 126; Leib, 123; Austin, 122; Beveridge, 118; Lloyd, 118; Gregory, 114.

WILLIAM AND MARY BASKETBALL TEAM



H. B. HUGHES, DRIVER. GAUTH, Captain. SCLOSSBERG, A. HUGHES. LONG, GOODWIN.

DEEP RUN HUNT RIDES FINE DRAG

Newly Acquired American Hounds Do Beautiful Work. Enjoyable Reception.

The Deep Run Hunt Club had one of the best drags of the year yesterday afternoon. The recent addition of the American hounds to the pack made a marked improvement, and they did beautiful work, keeping the riders going at a stiff pace throughout. The start was made from the Reservoir, and the drag extended eight miles, through "Sunny Side," F. C. Williams' property; Dr. Patterson's place, "Chantilly," Morrison's, "Bloomington," "Westbrook," and ended near the clubhouse.

An accident to his horse before the drag prevented W. O. Young from riding, the animal sticking a nail in its foot. Those riding were: James W. Graves, M. F. H., on Kingsman; E. D. Harris, whip, on Zilla; A. S. Buford, Jr., on Benvolto; J. A. White, on Iron Prince; J. T. Anderson, on Bohemian Joe; J. R. Anderson, on Paladini; Archer Anderson, on Chorus Girl; James W. Allen, on Midnight; John Burroughs, on Cheesnut; Alexander Campbell, on Royal Nora; Leary, Helen Christian, Ella Joyner and Watkins; W. O. Young, C. E. Bolling, John Alken Branch, Frederick Campbell and W. R. Trigg.

An enjoyable reception at the clubhouse followed the drag. Those attending were: Mrs. Swanson, Mrs. Victor Blue, and Mrs. Holt Page, of Norfolk; Mrs. W. O. Young, Mrs. A. S. Buford, Jr., Mrs. C. E. Bolling, Mrs. Langdon Putney, Mrs. R. W. Williams, Mrs. Charles Steele, Misses Page, Royal Nora, Leary, Helen Christian, Ella Joyner and Watkins; W. O. Young, C. E. Bolling, John Alken Branch, Frederick Campbell and W. R. Trigg.

WOMEN DIDN'T BOX.

When They Failed, Crowd Started to Wreck Building.

PARIS, March 20.—Young Otto beat George Proctor, ex-champion of England, in the third round of a pugilistic contest to-night.

A large number of people were at the Hippodrome, to see Miss Fairclough, champion of England, box Miss Stewart, champion of America. It was announced that Miss Stewart would box a male boxer. This angered the audience, who started in to wreck the hall. They would have made a thorough job had not the police cleared the place.

NADZU EASY WINNER.

Clever Son of Lodowick Takes Thornton Stakes at Oakland.

OAKLAND, CAL., March 20.—Nadzu, the clever son of Lodowick, in the stable of H. G. Bedwell, won the Thornton stakes at four miles in easy style at Emeryville to-day, finishing thirty lengths in front of Orcaigna, with Mendon a distant third. A field of six went to the post with Milford favorite and Nadzu second in demand. Milford went to the front soon after the start, but was overtaken by Nadzu, who led for the remainder of the race. After that the assumed command, and won as he pleased. Milford tired badly and Orcaigna moved up the last mile and ran into second place. The winner's share of the stake was \$5,000. Well played horses won the other races.

Pathfinder Starts.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The car, which will act as pathfinder for the international transcontinental automobile contest for the M. Robert Guinness trophy from this city to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition on June 1, started for Seattle from this City this noon. The pathfinder is the car which won the New York-to-Paris race last year, and George Miller, who acted as mechanic in that event, will drive the car to Seattle. Besides Miller, the crew consists of L. W. Reddington, C. W. Eaton and J. S. M. Ely.

RIVERSIDE HUNT.

Large Field Follows Hounds at Petersburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PETERSBURG, VA., March 20.—The weekly hunt of Riverside Club was from the kennels to Fishers', to Georecker's, thence through Sussex to Cox's Road, where the hounds broke. A fresh start was made at Picard's, through McIlwaine's to a check on the River Road, and was ended at the Kennels. Those riding were: M. C. Jackson, M. F. H., on Black Socks; W. Roane, Ruffin, huntsman, on Lucy Douglas; Lemroy Jones, whip, on Lady Modoc; S. M. Green, whip, on Hunter Rye; Leroy Roper, on Ben Tray; Irwin Hartley, on Torrence; R. R. Percival, on White Ghost; groom on the Buck and Cedar Mountain.

GAME IS FEATURELESS.

Trinity College Has Easy Victory Over the "Preps."

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
DURHAM, N. C., March 20.—Trinity College defeated the Trinity Park High School this afternoon in the first of the regular schedule, by a score of 7 to 2.

The game was featureless and rather slow, but the college boys hit hard in one inning, earning three runs. Gray and Worley pitched for the Collegians, and Teague for the "Preps." Worley showed splendid form. The attendance was small. Batteries: Trinity College—Worley and Flowers; Park—Teague and S. Turner.

SPIDERS ANNEX GAME FROM "MEDS"

Members of Red and Blue Clout Leather When Hits Are Needed.

With Clark in the box for Richmond College yesterday afternoon on the Broad Street diamond, the Spider nine managed to win out from the Medical College of Virginia by the score of 5 to 3. The whole Red and Blue team was able to clout the leather at the right moment, and showed great improvement over its performance of Friday, when it lost to the fast nine of McGuire's School. "The Meds" also played a consistent game and looked to be dangerous at times, but found the opposing twirler to be a steady one at critical stages.

In the first inning the Spiders annexed two runs by a timely streak of batting. Sheppard led off with a two-base hit, followed by a sacrifice by Ezzell, a slashing single by Lodge, and a long three-sacker by Snead, Sheppard and Lodge scoring. The doctors had their chance in the third, and again in the seventh, Wunder, Kilby and Clarke taking the honors on both occasions by a succession of long drives through the outfield and tallying their three runs.

Snead and Clarke scored the last two runs for the college in the eighth, each getting to first on clean hits over the infield and crossing the plate on singles by Jenkins and Sheppard.

"Cab" Maddux, the old University of Virginia ball tosser, held down second in good style for the Medical College, and should be a valuable addition to the team after a little strenuous working out.

Line-up: Richmond College—Jenkins, second base; Sheppard, third base; Ezzell, shortstop; Lodge, catcher; Maddux, right field; Griffith, first base; Bristow, left field; Snead, centre field; Clark, pitcher.

Medical College of Virginia—Simpson, first base; Luck, centre field; Maddux, second base; Wunder, shortstop; Kilby, left field; Clarke, third base; Ezzell, right field; Dunford, catcher; D'Alton, pitcher.

Summary: Hits—off D'Alton, 7; off Clark, 4. Struck out—by Clark, 3; by D'Alton, 5. Bases on balls—off Clark, 2; off D'Alton, 4. Errors—Richmond College, 3; Medical College, 2.

MILLERITES EASY FOR THE VARSITY

One Lone Run Best "Preps" Can Do in Game at Charlottesville.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., March 20.—Virginia played to-day the third game of the week with preparatory school teams, defeating Miller School 10 to 1.

The contest was a listless one and was half over before the varsity settled down to good ball playing. Up to that time an exceedingly poor showing had been made with the stick. As it was, Lewis, who pitched for the visitors, fanned more batters than the two Virginia pitchers combined. Fortunately, what few hits were made were good for extra bases. Captain Hoff, especially, did good, opportune batting. In the third inning he scored Blakeney with a triple to deep centre, and again in the eighth, with the bases full, he hit a hot one to centre, sending in Pearson and Stanton. In the seventh inning Blakeney led off with a neat double, and tallied on Dabney's home run drive up against the right field fence. In the same inning Pritchett nailed one to deep left and made the circuit, but was called out for failing to touch first base.

Twirler. Witter, formerly of Pennsylvania, led off in the box for Virginia and was succeeded in the seventh inning by Culbertson, a freshman twirler of whom much is expected this season.

Though making a bad start, pitching up to center base and hitting the next, he settled down and blanked the Millerites in the remaining innings, without allowing a hit.

Captain Hoff played a star game in the infield, with six put-outs and two assists. Pearson put up a clever game as backstop.

Pitcher Lewis played practically the whole game for the Millerites. In addition to his splendid work in the box, he made two hits and scored the lone run for his team when Pritchett threw the ball over Dabney's head.

Score by innings: R. H. E. Miller School, 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—1 3 6 Virginia, 10 0 0 0 2 2 2—10 9 2

Batteries: Miller School—Lewis and Maupin. Virginia—Witter, Culbertson and Pearson. Umpire, Evans.

GOLF TOURNAMENT ENDS.

John E. Porter Takes First Prize in Form.

PINEHURST, N. C., March 20.—Brilliant thirty-six hole final rounds in all divisions ended the fifth annual spring golf tournament to-day, John E. Porter, of the Allegheny Club, Pennsylvania, winning the prize cup from B. P. Merriman, of the Waterbury Golf Club, Connecticut, 4 up and 2 to play. Mr. Porter rounded out the first eighteen holes 6 up, and he had his opponent, Dornie, 6 on the thirty-third hole, but Mr. Merriman took the next three holes in order, losing the match on the thirty-fourth. The consolation division was won by E. S. Parmelee, of the New Haven Country Club, from W. C. Fowkes, of the Oakmont Club, Pennsylvania, 3 up and 1 to play.

Other division winners were J. V. Standish, Jr., Detroit, second; Colonel J. E. Smith, Wilmington, third; D. D. Pierce, Woodland, fourth; W. H. Wyatt, Fairview, fifth; P. A. Gardner, Midlothian, sixth; J. J. Chapman, Detroit, seventh; Cleveland Moffatt, Dinwiddie, eighth.

The next important event is the seventh annual United North and South championship for women, which begins Wednesday next and through Saturday.

Two Games Added.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., March 20.—Manager Tazewell, of the University of Virginia baseball team, has added two games to his next week's schedule, which is as follows: Monday, Episcopal High School; Tuesday, Jefferson School; Thursday, Woodland, fourth; Randolph-Macon. The following week the college season proper opens, with games with Colgate (two), Amherst and Yale.

THIRTEEN COLTS ARE READY FOR PRACTICE

FOUR-FLUSH GAME IS BEING PLAYED

Neither Ketchell nor Johnson Is Really Looking for Fight.

THE NEGRO IS "STALLING"

He Evidently Seeks to Avoid Entering Ring With Sam Langford.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, March 20.—It was pointed out in the Sun several days ago that Stanley Ketchell, middleweight champion, had become jealous of the notoriety attained by Battling Nelson, lightweight champion, and had instructed his manager, Willis Britt, who is Nelson's manager also, to turn on the lightweight's full strength. Ketchell intimated at the same time that unless Britt got him completely in the public eye he could hunt for another job. Britt scratched his head and did some hard thinking after that, with the high suit that it suddenly struck him that it would be advisable to fix up even a "phony" match with Johnson, the big colored champion, just as Jeffries was getting ready to announce his return to the prize ring. So Britt, by means of a telegraph wire, opened negotiations with Johnson in Chicago, thereby causing a temporary sensation. Ketchell was at the New York end of the wire, and when the negro told him by telegraph to "put up or shut up," Ketchell is said to have produced \$1,000, Johnson putting up a similar amount in the Windy City. But the negro insisted that the forfeit should not be less than \$5,000, and named this noon as a time limit for posting the rest of the coin. Johnson posted his \$4,000 in Chicago on Friday night, and then expressed the opinion that Ketchell and Britt would crawl.

Britt Exalted.

Britt, as soon as he heard that all of Johnson's forfeit was up, began to run around town like a headless chicken. He said he was looking for somebody to advance \$4,000 for Ketchell as a loan until this amount could be secured from a California bank. But as nobody had time to listen to Britt, he could not put up the rest of the \$5,000 forfeit, or alleged forfeit, at noon to-day. Instead, Britt declared petulantly that he thought Johnson was up to something, and in order to give the negro a piece of his mind orally, Ketchell's manager said he would be in Chicago to-morrow morning.

All of which is taken to mean that both Johnson and Ketchell are four-flushing, the former with the idea of stalling off an acceptance of a mill by Jeffries, the latter with the idea of avoiding a fight with Sam Langford. The holiermackerel wound up Lincoln Square Theatre to-night, and will go over to Boston to-morrow for a week or perhaps longer.

Meanwhile, James Coffroth, the California performer, has been a quiet up to center base and hitting the next, he settled down and blanked the Millerites in the remaining innings, without allowing a hit.

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Great Race Planned.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
LAUREL, DEL., March 20.—There will be a great trotting race on the new Salisbury track July 21 between Dry Dock, owned by D. C. Armstrong, of Princess Anne, and General Mack, owned by Will Hall, of Crisfield. Each of these horses has a record of 1:14 and there has been much controversy as to which is the best. In order to settle the question, each owner has put up \$10,000, and the winner takes all, including the race receipts. This will doubtless draw several thousand people from all parts of the lower peninsula.

PRIZE WINNERS ON THE ALLEYS

Dowling and Brown Pull Down High Scores for the Week.

Dowling and Brown were the prize winners on the Lake Bowling Alleys last week, the former winning on Tuesday night and the latter on Thursday night. Manager Cosby rolled a high average score in three games of tenpins, his scores being 219, 218 and 208 and average 215.

C. L. Cosby and R. Leibs are endeavoring to arrange a match with two of the best bowlers in Richmond. The youngsters have been practicing together and have made some high scores. Cosby rolled a high average of 184 pins in five games last week and Leibs rolled an average of 186 in five games.

The scores for Tuesday night and Thursday night were as follows:

Tuesday—Dowling 120, C. Vaden 118, Thorpe 116, Payne 113, Wilkes 110, Ellis 108, Waller 108, Wagner 102, Thursday—Brown 125, C. Vaden 120, Wilkes 118, Ellis 110, Payne 107, Wagner 105, Waller 104, Hoen 107.

Following were the high scores for the week:

Duckpin—C. H. Cosby, 137; R. Gordon, 134; C. V. Cosby, 130; H. Brown, 125; Koiner, 123; Jones, 119; Thorpe, 115; Vaden, C., 116; Payne, 110.

Tenpins—C. L. Cosby, 231; Brown, 226; C. H. Cosby, 220; A. Lathope, 219; H. Saxon, 216; A. Whitman, 215; S. Booker, 210.

They Will Trot Out on Broad Street Diamond To-Morrow for First Work.

ANXIOUS FOR THE START

Players Will Be in Excellent Condition for First Games in April.

Thirteen players will trot out on the Broad Street Park diamond to-morrow morning in response to the first call of Manager Lipe for spring practice. Six of these were members of the champion Richmond team of 1908. The other seven are new men who hope to come under the wire with the 1909 Colts.

Superstitious people might balk at beginning work with this number—thirteen. They might think that this would bode ill for the success of the team. If there are any of those in Richmond let them take courage. The thirteen players here named are sure to report for work. One or two others undoubtedly will drift in and be on hand in the morning, but Manager Lipe is not counting on them at this time.

To the players who are now in town the hours are rolling slowly. With the first touch yesterday of balmy spring the call of the diamond to these became as irresistible as the call of the deep to the old seadog, and they are anxious to get to the limbering-up process.

Wright Arrives. Another player dropped into town yesterday. He is Ed Wright, the Detroit youngster, who comes with a first-class recommendation from former Umpire Billy Byron. Wright is a husky youngster, and last season he was a terror with the willow. He will work out against Heffner for second base.

Manager Lipe has signed a new player, Harry Black, of Westville, N. J., who is to play left field. Black played last season in the South New Jersey League, and led his club in hitting and run getting. He is said to be a fast base runner and good fielder. "Doc" Sleber is having trouble with his medical examination in Baltimore, and he writes that he will not be able to report until after the season opens on April 22. He will get his line as soon after that date as is possible. In the meantime, Black will look after the left garden.

Messit writes that he cannot report before March 29. His father died recently, and he is detained in Philadelphia, waiting to settle the estate. Heffner has been ill and he cannot report before the latter part of the month. He will try out for second base against Wright.

Transportation was forwarded to Burke, the new catcher, at the expense of yesterday's game, and he will get here early next week.

At this time it is not known whether or not Kanzler will begin practice to-morrow. He will have a conference with Manager Lipe before that time, however, and he may be out for two first preliminary work. Kanzler has been working in Richmond all winter, and is feeling and looking fit.

Players Who Are Here.

The players now in the city are Bussey, Revelle, Watson, Kanzler and Wright. Others who will arrive to-day and report to-morrow are Titman, Smith, Kiefl, Muir, Sandherr, Walker and Waymuck. Kiefl will be the catcher here now in the middle of the week, when Burke will arrive. They will watch in the game with Richmond College Saturday. All of the pitchers will be on hand Monday, including Revelle, Bussey, Walker, Heffner, and Muir. Of course, Manager Lipe will be on the job with the men.

By April 1 all of the players will be on hand except Sleber. Most of these will have been through the work by that time and they should be in shape for the stiff practice games that have been arranged for April.

Manager Lipe has been notified that the new suits for the team have been shipped to the city. They will be used to-morrow morning, but will not be used until the opening of the season, the players practicing in the old ones used last year.

CAROLINA WINS.

Shuts Out Oakridge in Fast and Well-Played Game.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLESTON, S. C., March 20.—Charles H. Hill, of Oakridge here to-day in a fast game by the score of 3 to 0. It was a pitchers' battle between Mayberry and Stewart, the latter having the best of it.

Mayberry struck out six men, while Stewart struck out fourteen. Only one of the Oakridge players reached second base. Oakridge has in Holt, Mayberry and Miller three of the best ball players in the State, and all three headed the list in the pennant last season.